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Reduction of Harmful Gases In Gas Mixtures From

Pyrotechnic Reactions

Group:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner

for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of this application and <u>prior to calculation</u>
of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3, line 3, delete "or 2".

Claim 6, line 2, delete "or 5".

Claim 7, line 2, delete "one of claims 4 to 6" and insert --claim 4--.

Claim 9, line 1, after "generation" insert --according to claim 8--.